

RUSSIAN PRINCE NOW SERVES AS GATEKEEPER

Baron Von Muegge Doomed to Ten Years' Work.

A WASHINGTON POLICEMAN

By Terms of Mother's Will May Take Possession of Estates December 1, 1904.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—With money accumulating for him at the rate of about \$1,500 a month, Baron John F. Von Muegge is working as a gatekeeper at the Lindell Avenue entrance to the World's Fair grounds, for \$60 a month, waiting for a year to pass, when he can claim the baronial estates in Prussia, which amount to \$300,000 or more.

Baron von Muegge had a ten-year task to perform before he could come into possession of the estates of his father and mother. He objected to the conditions of the will made by his mother, and fought the case for several years in the German courts, but the high court of appeals in Berlin declared that his mother's will was valid, and that he, like Hercules, must perform the work assigned him.

The baron accepted his fate, and has served nine years, and on December 1, 1904, he will be ready to present certificates of ten years' honorable service to the German court and take charge of the vast estate that awaits him.

Baron von Muegge is fifty-eight years of age, and came to the United States in 1867.

He left the old country on account of a quarrel with his father, who gave him \$5,000 and told him to go out into the world and hustle for himself.

Fought a Duel.

The quarrel between the old baron and his son came about on account of a duel over the affections of a young woman between the son and the young baron of Vesterhausen.

The old Baron von Muegge learned of the disgraceful affair. He charged young Von Muegge with being indolent, worthless, and no account, and turned him out.

Young Von Muegge traveled for a short time about Europe and, then sailed for America. A few days after landing in New York he had his first experience with American confidence men. He fell in with several strangers and was enticed into gambling games. When the strangers left him he had hardly the price of a meal.

With starvation staring him in the face, Von Muegge went to the United States recruiting office and enlisted as a private soldier in the army. He served three years and was then appointed on the police force in Washington, D. C., where he became acquainted with a number of politicians. In 1871 he left the Washington police force and went to Charleston, S. C., where he served on the police force there for two years.

From Charleston he came to St. Louis during the administration of Mayor Overholzer. He managed to get on the police force there, and remained for years. Chief Kitchy was then a patrolman, stationed at Broadway and Olive Street.

From St. Louis he served on the police forces of San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Omaha, and then three years as detective for the Big Four Railroad, with headquarters in Cincinnati.

While in the employ of the Big Four he became acquainted with Representative Grosvenor, who acted as his attorney afterward.

Von Muegge got an appointment as deputy United States marshal at Washington, D. C., and then in the Internal Revenue Bureau. In the first four years of the McKinley Administration he was in the Secret Service for the Government, and was then made a deputy marshal in charge of a district at Chillicothe, Ohio.

He remained at Chillicothe until the subdistrict was abolished, when he was again thrown on his own resources.

Death of Baroness.

Baron von Muegge arrived in St. Louis, September 2 and three days ago was appointed gatekeeper at the Lindell pavilion entrance.

The baron's mother, the Countess of Holzendorf, died on March 10, 1880, leaving a large estate in lands, jewels, and money. Her only daughter and two sons, brothers of the present gatekeeper at the World's Fair, died before her, so she made Von Muegge her sole heir.

Though she had heard infrequently from him while he had been in the United States, still she had learned that he had been leading a fast and irregular life, drinking considerably and gambling. Accordingly she provided in her

will that before he should have the estate he should show that he was able to care for it by showing certificates to the German court that he had served ten years in some honorable service.

BADGER STATE NATIVES FORM WASHINGTON CLUB

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury H. A. Taylor Elected President—Organized for Social Purposes.

Wisconsin citizens living in Washington organized a Wisconsin club last night at the Dewey Hotel. More than 150 persons who claim the Badger State as their home attended the meeting. Addresses were delivered by Representatives Otjen, Weiss and Stafford, H. A. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; A. C. Parkinson and other prominent Wisconsin men.

Officers of the club were elected as follows: H. A. Taylor, president; A. C. Parkinson, first vice president; L. A. Pradt, second vice president; S. R. Jacobs, secretary; Charles H. Becker, treasurer. Members of executive committee, B. W. Beebe, Benjamin Holman, Charles J. Sumner, Thomas W. Brahaney and Maurice E. Sablin.

The club is purely social in nature. It will hold its next meeting at the Dewey Hotel the evening of January 18.

REAR ADMIRAL COOK SLOWLY IMPROVING

His Condition Thought Now Not to Be So Serious—Suffering From Heart Trouble.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Rear Admiral Francis A. Cook, retired, is in Philadelphia at the home of Admiral Charles E. Clark, to be treated for heart trouble. Admiral Cook said today that he did not believe his friend's condition to be serious, and that the change of scene had made an improvement in the patient's condition since yesterday.

Living alone in Annapolis, in the house where his wife died, Admiral Cook became melancholy, and this aggravated his disease. He was brought here yesterday in a private car put at his disposal by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Admiral Cook commanded the Brooklyn in the battle with the Spanish fleet off Santiago. He and Admiral Clark were roommates when midshipmen at Annapolis, and have been lifelong friends.

DECOLLETE BARRED AT CARDINALS' RECEPTION

ROME, Jan. 9.—Members of the "Black Society," an organization composed of the faithful of the Holy See, are much disturbed over the announcement that the Pope has written to M. Martins d'Antas, the Portuguese ambassador and the dean of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican, expressing the desire that ladies should not wear low-cut gowns at receptions attended by cardinals and other prelates.

It is unnecessary to say that great excitement has been aroused by the Pope's action, especially among the ladies of the diplomatic corps.

GEORGE M. SHRIVER ILL WITH TYPHOID

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—George M. Shriver, assistant to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is ill at Aisenhorn, his home in Baltimore county, near Pikesville. Mr. Shriver was feeling bad early in the week, and on the advice of his doctor dropped his work Wednesday and went to bed. It then developed that his illness was due to typhoid fever. The case, however, is regarded as a mild one. The illness of Mr. Shriver created many inquiries after him in Baltimore and Ohio circles, where he is very popular.

OUTSPOKEN ANARCHIST GREETED THE PRESIDENT

Was on Board of Directors of Saengerfest.

WATCHED BY AN ASSOCIATE

Announcement of the Fact Creates Much Surprise in Baltimore's Principal Singing Society.

When President Roosevelt attended the big saengerfest in Baltimore last June, few persons in the United States knew he was facing the same situation that brought about the death of President McKinley—the presence of a plotting and defiant anarchist. This fact has just been made known in Baltimore at a meeting of the United Singers of Baltimore by Leopold H. Wieman, president of the Saengerfest Association, who declared that a member of the board of directors was an avowed anarchist and as such was known to have presided at an anarchistic meeting.

The identity of this man was made known to President Wieman by a man who was at one time an anarchist. This man declared that about ten days after the assassination of President McKinley he, then being an anarchist, attended a meeting at which this member of the board was presiding and made a lengthy speech so pronounced in its tone that the man shuddered and left the meeting, unable, though a fellow-anarchist, to conform with such beliefs.

Announcement a Sensation.

Mr. Wieman said, when he discovered the character of the man serving on his board he was overcome with surprise and fear for the outcome of President Roosevelt's visit to the fest. Mr. Wieman, however, gave the man as few opportunities as possible to take an active part in any of the preparations for the event and believed this deterred him and his associates from placing significance in the President's visit.

President Wieman's announcement that an anarchist had been serving on the board of directors formed a sensational feature of the last meeting, and though all danger was passed everyone was fear-stricken. Much confidence had been placed in this man, as well as in every other member of the board, and the revelation shocked the society.

It is not known just what this man is doing now, or whether he has any connection with the society, but members of the latter believe that, although President Wieman has not divulged his identity, the man will not be allowed to fraternize with the society any longer.

JEROME IS SCORED BY MAYOR HARRISON

His Advice Incendiary, Says the Mayor of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Mayor Harrison pays his respects to District Attorney Jerome of New York for his criticism of the Chicago officials.

Mr. Jerome's advice that the police should beat thugs, whether they resist arrest or not, and bring them into the station in fragments, caused Mr. Harrison to become indignant.

"That is nice advice to come from a law-enforcing official," said the mayor. "Mr. Jerome's idea is that when the police arrest a man they should proceed on the theory that he has resisted arrest and proceed to hammer him to pieces on this pretense."

"Maybe it is all right for advice of this incendiary kind to come from the ordinary citizen, but when a representative of the law gives it, it sounds strange, to say the least."

BOY SHOT TOY PISTOL; DIED WITH LOCKJAW

MEMPHIS, Jan. 9.—Gordon Tompkins, a nine-year-old boy, died yesterday as the result of a toy pistol accident. The lad was playing with a toy pistol Christmas Day when the weapon exploded, causing lockjaw.

WOUNDED WITH CHRISTMAS GUN.

EASTON, Pa., Jan. 9.—William Hoppock, thirteen years old, of Pottersburg, N. J., has been admitted to the Easton Hospital suffering from a serious wound in the back from a gun, discharged by his eight-year-old sister. The gun was given young Hoppock as a Christmas present, and he and his sister were playing with it when it was accidentally discharged.

ADELINA PATTI TO SING AT CONVENTION HALL

Famous Prima Donna Will Give Concert There Next Month—Wagner Number on Program.

Madame Adelina Patti will give a concert at Convention Hall, in this city, Saturday evening, February 13. The arrangements were perfected yesterday afternoon by her manager, Robert Grau. The announcement of the appearance of the great prima donna in Washington comes as a surprise, this city having been omitted from Madame Patti's list when the tour was planned.

Recently Madame Patti gave a concert in Baltimore. The program here will be completely revised from the one given in that city. Among the selections on the program on the evening of February 13 will be "Elizabeth's Prayer," from "Tannhauser," "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and an aria from "Linda," by Donizetti. This will be the first time Patti has sung from Wagner in Washington.

Quarters for Madame Patti have been engaged at the New Willard, where a magnificent suite of rooms will be occupied. Madame Patti is traveling in her own private car. With her are her husband, Baron Cedarstrom; her friend, Mrs. Baird; her traveling companion, two maids and Baron Cedarstrom's valet. The car is the one occupied by President Roosevelt in his tour of the country last year, the name being changed to Craig y Nos, the name of Patti's castle in Wales.

Madame Patti is now sixty years of age, and the most extreme precautions are taken for her care and comfort, and for the preservation of her voice.

UNEHEATED STREET CARS CAUSE OF INDICTMENT

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 9.—The grand jury of Lackawanna county today returned a presentment against the Scranton Railway Company for overcrowding its cars and for running cars with no heating attachment during the recent zero weather. The grand jury claims that such cars endangered the lives of the passengers.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Long Trolley Proposition.

An expert electrical and trolley line engineer is in the city engaged in inspecting the Washington terminals of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway. He represents several of the rich Eastern syndicates now owning systems between here and New York city, and it is understood that these men have a plan for a general consolidation of companies into one continuous line from New York to Washington and probably Norfolk.

E. W. Willis is the name of the visiting engineer. He is stopping at a local hotel. When asked yesterday concerning the feasibility of constructing and operating at a profit so long a system, he said he thought such a system would pay. There were many lines in the country almost as long as the one proposed and all were earning dividends. There are already connecting links of roads, he said, between New York and Philadelphia, and the latter city and Perryville, half way between Philadelphia and Baltimore. He said about fifty miles of track must be laid before that line will be complete. This would entail an expenditure of nearly half a million dollars.

He said he had no doubt, however, that the money could be raised easily if the syndicates think well enough of the proposition to go into it. Definite action is to be taken when the engineer makes his report. Rumors have been in circulation several months that the Washington-New York trolley scheme was being considered, but until the arrival of Mr. Willis nothing definite could be learned. Mr. Willis said it would be a year or more after work actually begins on the final connections before the road would be in operation.

Great Coal Tonnage.

The anthracite coal sent to market during 1903, according to the official figures, amounted to \$9,362,831 tons, exceeding the best previous yearly production, that of 1901, by 5,794,280 tons, and nearly doubling that of 1902, when mining operations were interrupted for fully six months by the strike. Independent of the amount sent to market in 1903, there was produced between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 tons more, which was consumed in the mines.

Harriman President.

At a meeting yesterday of the directors of the Union Pacific Railroad, held in New York, H. G. Burt resigned as president, and E. H. Harriman was elected to succeed him. It is asserted that Mr. Harriman is to remain at the head of the system only temporarily. Meetings were also held by the officers of the other Harriman properties.

Bond Issue Postponed.

For reasons which have not been made public the Rock Island Railroad has decided not to attempt to make the issue of \$250,000,000 in bonds, as planned several months ago. A meeting of stockholders was held yesterday at Davenport. The extension of the decision was reached. It is believed the condition of the money market is responsible for the change in plans.

Big Land Purchase.

The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad has purchased coal lands in Indiana and Armstrong counties, which are estimated to cover 40,000,000 tons of coal. Including this purchase, the company, through its affiliated coal company, owns lands underlaid with more than 118,000,000 tons of coal and controls the transportation of half as much more. The extension of the railroad to the new coal properties is expected to be partly opened early in the spring and completed shortly thereafter.

To Filter Water.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad has under consideration a plan to filter all of the water used by its locomotives. The reason for this is that when the streams from which water is now obtained become low, the water is impregnated with sulphur or some other chemical that destroys the boilers of the machines. Last summer several new engines had to be sent to the repair shop in forty-eight hours after they had been put to work. It is expected that \$250,000 will be needed to establish the plants, but the officers think the expenditure well merited.

KAISER STOPS VOICE TRAINING.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Emperor William has ended his course of voice training. His majesty's late instructor, Dr. Gustav Spiess, has returned to his home at Frankfurt.

EFFORT TO EVICT JEWS FROM ARMY OF FRANCE

Anti-Semites and Anti-Dreyfusards Would Exclude Jews From Service Requisition.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—As a result of the outcome of the Dreyfus case and the failure of the anti-Semite clique to cast a cloud over the ability of the Jews as soldiers, a movement is on foot, actively fostered by the anti-Dreyfusards, to exclude all Jews from the army. So far does their zeal go that they are desirous even of excluding Jews from the compulsory service requisition.

BARONESS ROBBED IN FRISCO HOTEL

Diamond Jewelry Worth \$10,000 Taken From Bottom of Trunk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Two apartments occupied by the Baron and Baroness Von Horst, in the Hotel Colonial, were entered some time between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and diamond jewelry valued at upward of \$10,000 was stolen.

Baroness Von Horst arrived here two weeks ago from her home in Coburg, Germany, to spend the winter with her husband, who has business interests here. When she and the baron took up their residence at the Colonial her jewels were left in a case at the bottom of a trunk in their apartments. After the baron had gone to his office he received a telephone message from the baroness acquainting him with the robbery.

The thieves took only diamond jewelry, leaving silver and gold articles untouched.

DEADLY OIL GAS.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Jan. 9.—A man named Mullen was found dead yesterday near the new Guffy gusher at Batons, and a dozen others who were sleeping in tents near the well were overcome by gas, being rescued barely in time to save their lives. One of these succumbed later. Officers took possession of the well as a public menace.

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65c for double blankets. Reduced from \$1.00.

Other Furniture

\$15.95 for this Quartered Oak, polished finish, round-end China Closet. Reduced from \$22.

\$8.75 for this Quartered Oak and Polished Hall Rack, with French plate mirror; reduced from \$12.50.

\$3.95 for this Handsome Brass-rail White Enameled Bed. Value, \$5.00.

\$1.45 for Heavy White Enameled Bed. Reduced from \$2.00.

\$5.95 for adjustable steel frame Couch Bed, 4 feet 6 inches wide when extended; cost elsewhere \$10.00.

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